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General Michael V. Hayden

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Dear General Hayden:

The Publications Review Board, in coordination with NSA, DoD, and DIA has completed its review of your revised manuscript entitled "Playing to the Edge" [redacted]. In accordance with the terms of your secrecy agreement, the Board has determined that information is inappropriate for disclosure in the public domain (i.e., is considered to be classified information) and must be revised or deleted prior to publication. This information can be found on pages: [redacted]

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Chairman, Publications Review Board